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DEPT POUCH AMEMBASSY SUVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMMITTEE OF 24

REFS: (A) USUN 2970, (B) USUN 2954 (NOTAL)

1. COMMITTEE OF 24 MEETING AUGUST 24 HEARD PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP) PRESIDENT RUBEN BERRIOS CHARGE U.S. WITH GENOCIDE, TORTURE, SUPPRESSION OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, MASS STERILIZATION OF PUERTO RICAN WOMEN AND OTHER ASSORTED CRIMES AGAINST PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. HE CLAIMED COMMITTEE OF 24 MUST "ERASE STAIN OF PAST" (I.E. UNGA RESOLUTION OF 1953 REMOVING PR FROM LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES). HE CHARGED PROPOSED SUPERPORT WOULD "DEAL DEADLY BLOW TO P.R. RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. BERRIOS OPENED AND CLOSED 1-1/2 HR STATEMENT WITH SHOWER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRAISE FOR CUBANS.

2. FOLLOWING BERRIOS SPEECH, IRAQI REP SAID US SHOULD TRANSFER ALL POWER IN PUERTO RICO TO P.R. PEOPLE, PERMIT UN VISITING MISSION, AND WITHDRAW ALL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. HE CHARGED US WITH MAINTAINING MILITARY OCCUPATION WHICH REPRESS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF FREE ELECTIONS. HE ALSO ATTACKED SUPERPORT AS "THREAT TO THE PEOPLE", THEREBY PROVIDING CLUE TO TYPE OF RESOLUTION IRAQIS HOPE TO SEE COMMITTEE PASS.

3. USSR AND BULGARIA MADE CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENTS REAFFIRMING THEIR ANTI-COLONIAL CREDENTIALS, THEIR DEDICATION TO UN RES 1514 AND THEIR "SUPPORT OF THE CUBAN POSITION" EXCEPT FOR BULGARIAN CLAIM THAT PUERTO RICO CLEARLY FALLS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF RES 1514, THEY REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON US-PUERTO RICAN RELATIONSHIP.

4. FIJIAN REP ASKED INDEPENDENCE LEADERS HOW THEY RECONCILED THEIR CLAIM THAT INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT GROWING AT EXTRAORDINARY RATE WITH ELECTION RESULTS OF PAST 20 YEARS. SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARI BRAS REPLY ALLUDED TO SPECIAL JAILS FOR AND ENFORCED EMIGRATION OF INDEPENDENCE SUPPORTERS.

5. COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE DEBATE MONDAY AUGUST 27. CONSULTATIONS ON RESOLUTION CONTINUING.

COMMENT: FIJI'S VERY HELPFUL INTERVENTION MAY WELL BE RESULT OF CONVERSATION WITH AUSTRALIAN MISSION. WE HAD SUPPLIED LATTER, BUT NOT FIJIAN, WITH DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF PUERTO RICAN ELECTION RETURNS SOME DAYS AGO. END COMMENT. BENNETT

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED SUVA.  
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